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City Council OKs Monday car shows to resume

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a long discussion during Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council voted unanimously to approve weekly car shows on Main Street which would be closed to traffic from Third to Fifth streets.

The summer car show could resume next Monday.

Since the Bayou Grill, which started the Cruisin' the Bayou car show, announced it would not be holding them this year and would close the restaurant on Mondays, car lovers have been looking for ways to keep the show going.

At Monday's meeting there were two proposals on the agenda, Item A which was to close High Street and have the car show there and Item B to continue to hold the shows on a closed Main Street.

High Street was proposed by David Nucullaj of Johnny's Grill and James Frazier of Great Lakes Towing. They proposed closing High Street between Main and Church streets from 5 to 9 p.m. on Mondays through August.

Frazier, a Belleville Police Reserve Officer, said Reserve Officers would patrol the event and assist with traffic control. The two sets of restrooms at Johnny's and those at Horizon Park would be available for the public, since no public restrooms on Main would be available with the Bayou closed.

Frazier said the bank has given them permission to use its parking lot for the cars, as long as the ATM was kept open until 6:10 p.m. and Grace Baptist Church said cars could be parked in their lot.

He said with the library construction, High Street was logistically a better place to close off. He said it would be called Cruisin' Belleville.

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Independent photo by James Otzman

After a rain that dropped more than an inch of water in a short time on Friday evening, the excavation for the new Belleville Area District Library building was flooded. On Monday, workers pumped out the water and construction continued. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said it seemed to prove that the soil in the bottom of the pit was clay.

School Board approves digital math textbooks

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its meeting May 29, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the use of digital math Techbooks for the next six years at McBride Middle School and for Gifted and Talented and advanced math students at Owen Intermediate School.

The total cost for six years is $187,650, which covers about $76,000 for professional development for the teachers, $70,000 for the consumables (called ISRs used to practice skills) and $42,000 for the Techbook user licenses.

Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said the Techbooks will replace the current Carnegie Math program which expires in June.

He said a team of McBride and Owen mathematics teachers researched a number of math programs over the course of the year and as a result made a recommendation to use the Discovery Math Techbook for the 2018-19 school year.

Moore said part of the project is training the principals with ongoing professional development. He said the program is easier to use on line and there have been no issues with online textbooks. There is the opportunity to print things out.

"It's a pretty cool tool and I'm excited about it," Moore told the board.

Board member Darlene Garrett said now her daughter will be able to do her lessons on her phone or tablet while away from home. She said with Carnegie Math she had to go home to do her lessons.

"We're trying to reflect society and people's lives in the future," Moore said.

But board member Simone Pinter said she was concerned about students figuring out problems and not being able to show their work. She asked what would happen with a power outage or when the internet goes down.

Moore said paper can be used.

He said teachers will see it over the summer and work with the IT department so they will have teachers familiar with the system.

Moore said the consumables had to be ordered by July 1.

In other business at the May 29 meeting the board:

• Approved a cooperative agreement for high school ice hockey with Huron Schools in New Boston. It was noted they are also looking for approval for Airport and Flat Rock schools to be added to the cooperative hockey team to make sure there are enough players;

• Approved the membership resolution for the 2018-19 school year in the Michigan

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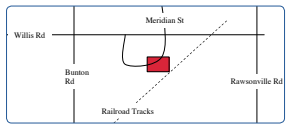

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Winners in Sumpter Cutest Baby Contests announced

The winners of the annual Sumpter Sumpter Country Fest 2018 Cutest Baby Boy and Cutest Baby Girl contest were announced on Memorial Day afternoon.

Baby Boy Contest winners were:

1st Place: Wesley Richards, son of Matt and Ashley Richards,

2nd Place: Jesse Watt, son of Anthony and Julie Watt

3rd Place: Jack Arthur Maier, son of David and Mandy Maier

Baby Girl Contest winners were:

1st Place: Leiyanna Napoletano, daughter of Heather and Alex Napoletano

2nd Place: Raven Moon Pokerwinski, daughter of Rick and Jessica Pokerwinski

3rd Place: Macey Faye Losee, daughter of Casey Curtis and Warren Losee

Other participants in the Cutest Baby Boy Contest were Liam Howell, Braedon Chalupka, Caden Huderz, Beau Anthony Sampson, Camden Oygarden, Michael Haddad, Jack Lashua, Grayson Ahearn, Isaac Daniel Wiedmer, Kai Smith, Elijah Freeman, and Memphis Belanger.

Other participants in the Cutest Baby Girl Contest were Kamila Millington, Amethyst Rose Chalupka, Carolyn Rose Henry, Althea Rain Taylor, Riley Tucker, Arya Croll, Raylynn McMahon, and Luxie Boucher.

The staff of the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the contestants and their families for their participation and generosity. We would also like to thank John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineering Inc., Southgate, who has sponsored the contest for many years.

The proceeds from the contest help fund events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Family Fun Day and the Children's Christmas Party that the Parks and Recreation Commission put on throughout the year.

Virginia Belinski
Contest chairwoman

1. Wesley Richards

2. Jesse Watt

3. Jack Arthur Maier

1. Leiyanna Napoletano

2. Raven Moon Pokerwinski

3. Macey Faye Losee

Belleville DDA member insists on emphasis to make downtown vibrant

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After discussing the 2018-19 fiscal year budget prepared for the Belleville Downtown Development Authority at its May 16 meeting, it was noted there was nothing in the property acquisition line item.

Alicia McGovern, a DDA member who is Financial Advisor at Edward Jones, said she would like to have property acquisition and then selling of that property to a business.

"The line item is blank now," she pointed out in disappointment.

DDA coordinator Carol Thompson said the fund balance is around $1 million, with a couple payables.

"I think we should be talking about property acquisition and bringing business to Belleville," McGovern said.

It's not in there because Belleville has been in "like a stagnant state," said treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams.

"We've been in a stagnant state," McGovern agreed.

Thompson said the downtown was in a stagnant state before the DDA redid Main Street and the streetscape. She said eight years ago there was 24% vacancy and now it's 10%.

She said six places are for sale and four for lease.

DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria said the slowdown was due to economic conditions.

"It's trickling now, but its coming our way," Loria said.

"I came to Main Street," McGovern said. "But, Belle's just went out of business."

Thompson said a retailer is looking to rent that space.

McGovern said the DDA needs to work to make the downtown more vibrant. She said Plymouth was very similar and had to struggle to get where it is.

"We could do that," she said. "I don't see us talking about it a lot."

Councilman Tom Fielder spoke from the audience, saying that because there's nothing on that line item doesn't end it. He said the DDA, he believes, wouldn't have a conflict with finding out who wants to develop and where and help out.

"If something comes up wouldn't you rather have it ready?" she asked.

"You can use the fund balance," Fielder said.

DDA member Denise Baker said that it would be like the facade grants. It used to be in a line item, but now comes from the fund balance.

"I'm glad we're talking about this," McGovern said.

The DDA voted unanimously to approve the new budget as presented and send it on to the city council to be a part of the total city budget. Under law, the DDA budget is required to be in the hands of the city by June 1.

The new budget includes $1,500 each to the following groups for Community Program/Event Funding: National Strawberry Festival; Belleville Area Council for the Arts -- Music Lakeside; Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce -- Winter Fest; Central Business Community -- Harvest Fest, Booville, Santa photos, Flop E Bunny; and Belleville Area Museum -- Harvest Fest/Booville and Holiday Season.

Revenue projection was $692,540 and expenditures projection the same for a balanced budget. Balance after the bond payments is $305,932. Administration is $56,882 and District Maintenance is $168,350.

Economic Development is $34,700 and includes marketing/PR, New Tech SOUP Project, decorations and banners; promotion, advertising, and marketing; and community program funding.

Capital Improvement is $46,000 and includes engineering support for new projects, park improvements, other board projects, and public art.

In other business at the May 16 meeting, the DDA:

• Accepted the low bid of $1,432 for 60 cubic yards of FIBAR engineered wood fiber for Victory Park playground surfaces from Jack Golden Associates of Eastpointe. Other bidders were Play Environments of Holland at $1,550, Miracle Midwest of Holly at $1,552, and Randy Brown Landscape of Van Buren Township at $1,680. Although there was discussion about going with the highest bid because it was local, the DDA decided to follow its policy and award the low bid. Even with the local bidder preference of 4%, Brown's bid was still more. Loria said although volunteers had spread wood fiber in an Earth Day project, there are rules on how thick the mulch has to be, so more was needed;

• Set a joint meeting with the planning commission for 7 p.m., June 14, on the planning commission's regular meeting night. The June 20 meeting of the DDA was cancelled;

• Heard Thompson explain that rather than using other means to ensure security for the Horizon Park waterfront, she has met with Belleville High School New Tech media students to shape a campaign informing the community about the ADA canoe/kayak launch, including signs, video, and possible podcast. She said the class would present their ideas to the DDA and the DDA would decide what to do; and

• Heard Treasurer Williams report that the $1,400 paid to Van Buren Township in a joint effort to cut brush along Denton Road is in the accounts payable before them. Williams noted the cost had escalated from what they thought it would be. The total accounts payable of $6,650 was unanimously approved.

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Editorial

VBT asks MML, MTA for support

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Kevin McNamara gave a video State of the Township presentation telling how the township was rock solid in funds and had lots of money from grants and corporations and increased tax revenue.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2018-10 asking the Michigan Municipal League Legal Defense Fund and/or the Michigan Township Association Legal Defense Fund to support VBT in its law suit against Visteon, or the township could end up with a financial manager. What?

In 2003, the township's Local Development Finance Authority issued bonds to assist in the construction of Visteon's world headquarters. In 2010, while in the midst of a recession and Visteon's bankruptcy, Visteon and the township entered into an agreement where Visteon agreed to assist the township by making payments whenever there was insufficient captured tax revenue to cover bond payments.

Now, on the eve of a shortfall, Visteon has disavowed any obligation under the agreement, subjecting the LDFA to default and VBT and its citizens to potentially "disastrous financial outcomes." The law suit is to force Visteon to honor its commitment.

The Court of Appeals agreed with a lower court that this suit is premature since no harm has yet occurred. The Supreme Court may take the case and the MML and MTA could help get it there. But, what a mix of messages.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Pam Fleming, who has been the administrative assistant to the police chief/ public safety director in the Van Buren Township Police Department for as far back as I can remember, retired on Friday. She said Casey Cahill of Wayne will be her replacement and Casey is highly qualified.

Pam said she will come in three days a week until mid August to train Casey, but she said it shouldn't be hard because she is so knowledgeable and trained in the programs VBT PD uses.

Pam said she has been there for 27 years and her work has been a pleasure. "... all I can say is I have a lot of memories to take with me."

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At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer announced Rick Rutherford's son had been serving in Afghanistan and now he is back on U.S. soil. Diana said they celebrated at city hall when they got the news. Rick is the city's Building Official and head of the Department of Public Works.

John Juriga, who is on the city planning commission and is an elected member of the Belleville Area District Library Board, comments on occasion how Rutherford was an "A" student in the building trades class he taught at Romulus High School back in the day.

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Mayor Kerreen Conley announced that last Friday was Diana Kollmeyer's 20th anniversary with the City of Belleville. She started as city clerk and then was promoted to city manager when that position opened.

Diana said 20 years is amazing to her because, "I never intended to stay this long."

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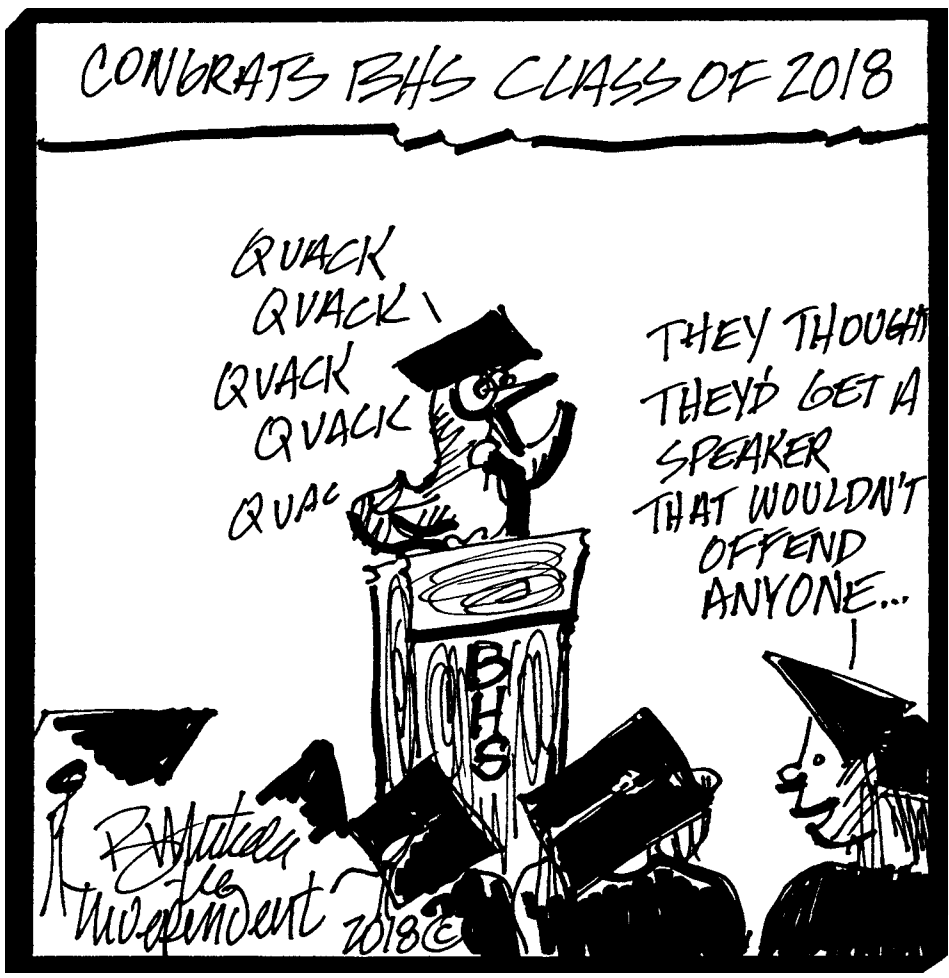

Jeff Vernon, chairman of Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, said he was contacted by WCSX radio, who had made eight or nine visits to the city for occasions in the past. They told him they want to do something in Belleville at a very successful event. He said he turned them over to the Chamber of Commerce. Let's see where they turn up.

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City Councilman Tom Fielder, who is also president of the Historical Society, said this Saturday's Rosie the Riveters event next to the museum from 5 to 9 p.m. will have a parade of vintage vehicles coming into town, but it won't really be "a parade." They will be parked on Roys Street to be admired by the public.

O'Neal Construction has agreed to open up the part of Fourth Street adjoining Main Street in the library construction area just for this one event, so they can have music and dance and try to raise money for an upcoming trip of Rosie the Riveters to Washington, D.C. to be in the National Fourth of July Parade.

The event is free, but donations will be gladly accepted for the Rosies' trip to Washington.

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Councilman Fielder also noted that Strawberry Festival is coming up next week and his advice is: "Enjoy it or leave town."

He said sometimes he enjoys it and other times he has left town himself.

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Councilman Jesse Marcotte, who represented the city at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial, told of what a moving event it was. He said he remembered John Henderson, who died over the last year. John was a veteran and 17 years ago they were in the fire academy at the same time.

John was a former Van Buren Township fire fighter who won many awards for pulling a little girl out of a house fire on Denton Road at great danger to himself.

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At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, retired Police Sgt. Bart Devos was presented with a proclamation on the occasion of his recent retirement. He now works part time for the City of Belleville.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked him if his You Tube item had one million hits yet and he said he didn't know, but there were a lot. She referred to the in-car police video that showed Bart in the final moments before signing off forever from VBT. It was an emotional moment.

Bart told Reggie that it was a private moment and wasn't supposed to be shared. It was a police video and someone shared it with the world.

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Letters

Van Buren Township wants to hear from you

To the editor:

Van Buren Township will be redoing its MASTER PLAN and needs to hear from our residents. In late June a digital survey will be posted on the Van Buren Township web page, the bellevillevanburensumpter community page, or if you don't like computers you can call and have a paper copy sent to you from the Clerk's office.

The survey will only take a few moments of your time. It will give you a way to tell us your thoughts and ideas on what kind of community you want to live in. What kind of services and business you want in VBT.

The VBT Downtown Development Authority has exciting projects going in on Belleville Road. 1. Painting and changing Belleville Road lighting fixtures to LED which will save $ in operation costs. 2. The building of a SAFE WALKWAY that will accommodate walkers and bikes over the I-94 Expressway. Building begins June 14 and should be completed in November. There will also be a sign welcoming ALL to Van Buren Township. 3. A PLACE SETTING spot that will offer a park-like setting for residents. This will be going in next to ReMerica Realty on Belleville Road with an electronic sign to tell you about the many activities offered in the township.

VBT is on the GROW! Menards, another great retailer, is scheduled to open in late June. A new Marriott Townplace Suites is going in at the corner of N. Service Drive and Quirk Road next to the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Speedway Gas and Convenience store is starting to build on the corner of Tyler and Belleville Road across from Meijer.

The Van Buren Township Board and staff is working hard to move the township forward and we need your help. Take a minute to fill out the survey. VBT Board meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., Township Hall on Tyler Road. A community is stronger when EVERYONE WORKS together.

Sherry Frazier
VBT Trustee

You're invited to Rosie the Riveter event June 9

To the editor:

You're Invited!

Join us on 4th and Main streets at The Belleville Area Museum at Historic Old Van Buren Township Hall on Saturday, June 9, from 5-9 p.m., where we will host a special grand opening of our newest exhibit: *Tri-Community Rosie Stories* along with a *Willow Run Tribute Rosie Fundraiser*.

A variety of vendors will be on hand as well as vintage cars, 1940s era music, and impersonators for this Belleville Area Museum and Yankee Air Museum co-sponsored event.

Admission is FREE for this unique occasion with donations benefitting your local Tribute Rosies' trip to Washington, D.C. where they will represent the Tri-Community in our nation's Independence Day Parade.

Guests are encouraged to wear your Rosie gear or World War II-era clothing! Poster boards will also be available for anyone interested in creating a collage of your family Rosie to be added to our exhibit. We thank you for supporting your local history museums!

The Belleville Area Museum's summer hours are Tuesdays: 3-7 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Group tours by appointment. Admission: $2 for adults, $1 for students. We will be closed: July 2-6, and July 16-31 this summer.

Katie Dallos, director
Belleville Area Museum

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Belleville Community Band sets two concerts

To the editor:

The Belleville Community Band has set two summer concerts, on Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street, under the direction of Mr. Zachary Donnelly.

For those of you who have attended for many years, please take notice of the change in day and time of the July concert.

The board and members of the band would like to extend a warm thank you to the people of our community and the business sponsors for all their support over the years.

For any questions, please contact Jack or Micky Keelan at (734) 699-6350.

Jack Keelan, president
Belleville Community Band

Senior citizens have questions about school

To the editor:

This is an open letter to Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak.

Dear Supt. Kudlak:

I am a senior citizen, tax payer and voter who has lived in both Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville for 65 years. Both of my children were National Honor students and graduated from Belleville High School. Over the years, I have

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Obituaries

David Andrew Remington

DAVID ANDREW REMINGTON
(January 26, 1970 – May 31, 2018)

David Andrew Remington passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 31, 2018, at the age of 48. Andrew was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 26, 1970 to parents Bernadine and David Remington. After graduating from Perry Hall High School, he attended University of Pennsylvania and University of Michigan. Andrew married Tami Harkai on April 29, 2000.

Andrew attended Trinity Episcopal Church since moving to Michigan. He enjoyed camping, visiting lighthouses, and especially photography. He worked for Ford, Covisint and General Motors during his career as a computer engineer and project manager.

Andrew is survived by his wife Tami; his children, Matthew and Mark; his mother, Bernadine; his siblings, Elizabeth (Rob) Click and Rebekah (Steve) Jonke; his many nieces and nephews, David, Justin, Jeremy, Nicholas, Parker, Max, Mackenzie, Emmett, Olivia, Elise, Raine, Logan, Addyson, and Brayden; his aunt Mary (Ann Kimball); and his in-laws, Bill (Diann) Shaffer. He was preceded in death by his father Rev. David S. Remington.

A memorial gathering will be held Friday, June 8, 2018 from 4-8pm at Nie Family Funeral Home (3767 W. Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). A funeral service will take place Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 1 p.m. with visiting from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service at Trinity Episcopal Church (11575 Belleville Rd, Belleville, MI 48111).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Andrew's honor to the Episcopal Relief Fund (c/o Trinity Episcopal Church).

More Letters

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attended many board meetings but now, because of my mobility issues, I would still appreciate contacting you, but rather than attending meeting, through our local *Independent* newspaper.

Like so many of my senior friends, we remain very much interested in the education of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We senior citizens have questions to ask because we have a high regard and sincere interest in our Belleville public schools.

We are asking if you would please consider and participate in a Question & Answer section in our local paper. Perhaps it could be a weekly or bi-weekly column. I think residents other than seniors would also like to participate. Some of us would ask questions like: class size, additional volunteer tutoring, and teachers' classroom supply expenses.

If you will be so kind as to agree with our wish, I will ask the editor, Mrs. Otzman, for the Question and Answer space in the *Independent*.

We senior citizens are looking forward to your reply.

(Mrs.) Ruth Bleeker
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Obituaries

Fred Bonanni

FRED BONANNI

A long-time resident of Belleville with a passion for all things Italian, Fred Bonanni passed away peacefully on June 1 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 92 years old.

Fred was born in Detroit, a first-generation son of Anna and Amadeo Bonanni who emigrated to America from Perugia. He learned to speak Italian as a child and never forgot it. You would often hear him calling out to friends "Buon Giorno" and "Come stai?" He truly believed in the old saying: "There are no strangers in this world. Only friends I haven't met yet." Fred touched so many with his warmth, playful sense of humor, and genuine curiosity about life.

Fred was raised in Hamtramck and graduated from Hamtramck High School. He joined the United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Fort Lee, Virginia. Following his military service, he met Belleville resident Carolyn Gustat at a veterans dance. The couple married in 1955 and built a home in Sumpter Township—the very same home where Fred lived for the rest of his years.

Fred worked at General Motors Parts Division for over 33 years and was an active member of UAW Local 174. Retiring in 1986 meant he could focus more on one of his great loves: dancing. He and Carolyn went dancing all the time to festivals and local events, especially the Italian ones. Fox trot, waltz, cha cha polka—he knew all the moves! Fred also assisted Carolyn as she taught her weekly line dancing classes at the Sumpter and Van Buren Senior Centers.

When not tearing up the dance floor, Fred enjoyed watching his beloved Detroit Tigers and talking baseball with anyone who would listen. He gave equal viewing time to Michigan State Spartans football and the Detroit Pistons. In addition to sports, Fred was a voracious newspaper reader with a whip smart memory and strong interest in current events.

Proud of his Italian heritage, Fred visited his ancestral land for the first time in 2005 with Carolyn to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. He was equally proud of his three daughters, and never tired of telling friends about their accomplishments.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Carolyn and his daughters: Sharon (Tom Marshall) Bonanni of Maplewood, New Jersey, Diane Bonanni of Wakefield, Massachusetts, Linda (Bruce) Clarke of Normandy Park, Washington; and one grandchild, Greg Bonanni Simpson, of Wakefield, Massachusetts. He is also survived by his siblings: Dino Ruggeri of Sterling Heights, Michigan, Dora Bouchillon of Oxford, Michigan, and Vilma DeMink of Redford, Michigan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, the late Anna and Amadeo Bonanni and his brother, the late Fernando Bonanni.

A visitation was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville on Tuesday, June 5. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, June 6, at St. Anthony Catholic Church.

In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue at http://www.friendsofmichigan.org/donate/ or St. Vincent de Paul, and would be appreciated.

Arlene Robson

ARLENE ROBSON

(November 8, 1942 – May 30, 2018)

Arlene Robson, age 75, of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at her home. Arlene was born November 8, 1942 in Wayne, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Edward Ryznar and Clara (Joblinski) Ryznar.

To cherish her memory she leaves her husband Robert Robson; three children, Michael Robson, Jodi (Randal) DeMaggio and Jamie Robson; two grandchildren, Dominick and Cameron DeMaggio; four siblings Dolores (Ronald) Green, Raymond (Barbara) Ryznar, Joyce (Walter) Kilanski and Jane (Richard) Camilli and many nieces and nephews.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents; Edward and Clara Ryznar.

The services have already taken place. Friends gathered from 5 to 9 p.m. on, Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd, Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 941-9200, and on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. Prayers took place at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018, then to St. Aloysius Catholic Church with mass at 11 a.m., with Father Larry Kaiser officiating. Interment was held at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net .

JEANNE McKENZIE NUGENT

(February 18, 1926 – May 28, 2018)

Age 92, of Belleville. Survived by husband Raymond, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial service to be set at Trinity Episcopal Church.

More Obituaries on page 6

Correction:

Engineer spoke for proposed gas station

In the May 31 issue of the Independent, on page 13, we reported Timothy Shammas spoke on behalf of the proposed four-pump gas station addition to Metro Park Party Store. Although Shammas signed the request for the project, it was the project's engineer who was picked up at the hospital and transported to the important meeting with the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to speak on behalf of the project.

Jerry Roberts

In the May 24 issue, on page 15, the son in the picture with George and Irene Roberts is Jerry Roberts, not Douglas Roberts. We regret the error.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

More Letters

Register for Lakeside Strawberry Run

Dear Families and Friends:

The 48111 Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is so excited to host the 2018 Lakeside 5K Strawberry Run/Walk at 9 a.m. and 1K Fun Run for kids on Saturday, June 16, at 8:45 a.m. just before the festival parade!

This is our inaugural Strawberry Run sponsored by the Chamber, and we would love our Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren families and individuals to participate and show how much we love our Lake community!

If you register to run/walk before June 8, every adult and student runner is guaranteed the 2018 Lakeside 5K Strawberry Run T-Shirt! All adult runners (19 and older) will receive a specially designed Strawberry Run 2018 medal – cost is $35/runner. All students (11-18 years old) will also receive the 2018 Strawberry Run medal and can walk/run in the 5K for $30. All children 10 years and younger (accompanied by a paid adult runner) can participate in a FREE 1K walk/run at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 16 and will receive their own special Children's Medal! All runners will receive a coupon for a free hot dog, drink and ice cream treat after the race!

Register today at Bellevilleareachamber.org/chamber-event-photo-gallery/lakeside-strawberry-run or register in person at the Belleville Area Chamber Office, 248 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111 or call (734) 697-7151. Registration is also at info@bellevillechamber.org .

In-person registration will be TODAY, Thursday, June 7 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and this Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Chamber Office, 248 Main St., Belleville.

Please join us. Run/walk by Belleville Lake to support our community! Let's make this a fun day!

Karen Mida, president
Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

Volunteers needed for St. Anthony festival booths

Volunteers are needed at St. Anthony Catholic Church for the community booths at the Strawberry Festival. Call (734) 697-1211 for more information or to volunteer.

Thanks to Sumpter for trying to correct 48111

To the editor:

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the Sumpter Twp. board for unanimously passing the resolution in regards to the zip code 48111 being recognized as Belleville, MI 48111 and not Van Buren Twp.

It has been extremely frustrating that in all the years we have lived in Sumpter Twp. our mail always reflected Belleville, MI 48111. Suddenly, however, since January this year we as well as many others had our mail designated Van Buren Twp. by address management at the USPS by their tracking system at the request of the Van Buren Twp. Clerk. Once in the system it is very difficult to correct the designation.

As of still today, June 4, 2018, when I'm writing this letter, most of our mail still has Van Buren Twp. on the address labels.

I am very encouraged by Sumpter Twp. taking the lead in trying to correct the problem today and in the future. Also, thanks to Sumpter Twp. giving a concise history of how and when the mail system came to be here locally.

Mary E. Ban
Sumpter Twp. 48111

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School Board

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High School Athletic Association;

• Approved a Wellness Policy recommendation, as required by board policy. It will be reviewed in another three years;

• Heard building presentations on school improvement from principals and teachers at Haggerty, Edgemont, Savage, and Tyler schools;

• Approved the second reading and adoption of board policy updates as presented, with a discussion on when board members are allowed to volunteer in the district;

• Approved a recommendation for the 2018-19 budget to buy 19 Uniflow-licensed copiers at a cost of $232,601 from Applied Imaging through a MITN Co-Op bid. They will be put in place during the summer break. This is the second phase in replacement of the district's copiers;

• Approved purchase of two conventional, 71-passenger buses without air conditioning, one new 71-passenger conventional bus with air, and eleven 2016 prior-leased buses at a total cost of $888,619;

• Approved a new Owner Representative Services contract with Plante Moran CRESA at a cost not to exceed $95,000 to help manage the sinking fund. This year the contract was the same and only $70,000 was used, said James Williams, director of buildings and grounds;

• Heard School Supt. Pete Kudlak announce a 7 p.m., June 7 meeting for parents at the administration building to discuss his plans to change the colors and mascots for Owen and McBride to match the high school;

• Held a raffle drawing for the top prizes in the recent fundraiser for Davon Turner, a Rawsonville student fighting cancer. Board president Keith Johnston drew the name of Trevor Faulkner for the $500 Meijer prize and Jordan Hodges for the Party Pass to the Romulus Athletic Club. Supt. Kudlak said a total of $1,500 was raised for the family;

• Approved the termination of bus driver Wendy Ackron after six years of service as of May 8 and the hiring of Nichole Stephenson as a paraprofessional as of April 30;

• Heard a former school bus driver address the board to protest her termination on a charge of "no calls, no shows." She said she had medical issues and brought a letter from her doctor. She said the students on her bus love her and during this time where there is a shortage of bus drivers she didn't know why she wasn't put on probation or used as a bus aide. Board president Johnston said he would look into it;

• Heard Williams report he is meeting with a couple of Realtors on the second or third week in June to help with land sales. Also, he said, two parcels are big enough for solar farms. He checked with Sumpter Township but was told they did not have a solar farm ordinance. He said he would look into rooftop solar panels, as well; and

• Heard Supt. Kudlak announce the names of the four students who have been selected to sit on the school board in groups of two: Nia Smith, Natalie Pestano, Soraya Taylor, and Maggie Southers.

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New pedestrian bridge over I-94 to begin construction July 16

The Belleville Road pedestrian path over I-94 and its path lighting was discussed at a recent pre-construction meeting of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland was there and she reported the details at the DDA's May 22 meeting.

The project consists of .35 mile of concrete shared-used path, bridge widening, concrete curb, gutter, culvert, sewer drainage, guardrail, steel sheet piling, steel piles, approach work and pavement markings.

In addition to the MDOT construction engineer, the project engineer is Mannik and Smith Group. Davis Construction was awarded the project.

• Project start date: July 16, 2018.

• Substantial completion: November 2018 with mid-June 2019 for grass.

• No traffic disruptions of any kind during Labor Day 3 p.m., Aug. 31, through 5 a.m., Sept. 4; or Thanksgiving 3 p.m., Nov. 21 through 5 a.m., Nov. 26.

• No traffic stoppages or lane closures during Thunder Over Michigan Airshow, Wayne County Fair, or four hours before or after all University of Michigan home football games.

• Both entrance ramps from Belleville Road to I-94 can be closed simultaneously for the purpose of setting bridge beams for two nights total.

• Maintain one lane on NB and SB Belleville Road at all times.

• Shoulder and turn lane closures are permitted continuously on the Belleville Road Bridge as long as active work is taking place.

• Median shoulder closures are permitted continuously on I-94. A right shoulder closure is not permitted while median shoulder/lane closures are in place.

• Single lane closures are permitted on the Belleville Road Bridge from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday during the week and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday when active work is taking place.

• Traffic stoppages for the placement of bridge beams over I-94 must be conducted on one weekend between the hours of Friday from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning, Saturday from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning, and Sunday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. the following morning and shall utilize law enforcement officials. Stoppages will be allowed for a duration of no longer than 15 minutes after which traffic shall be allowed to proceed until such time traffic has been free flowing at the speed limit for a period of five minutes. The contractor is responsible for contacting and coordinating with law enforcement.

• DTE expects to begin lighting in September.

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Thank you for help with Sumpter Fest auction

To the Editor,

The Sumpter Country Fest has come and gone, and despite some record heat, we had a great weekend. I would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You*, to the many generous sponsors for their donations to the Silent Auction. The money raised from the Auction will help fund our other events throughout the year.

Many thanks to: A&W Belleville, Amy Declercq, Anya Allen, Applebee's Grill and Bar Belleville, April Warner Photography, Armstrong's Funland, Benito's Pizza, Chapp & Bushey Oil Co., Culver's of Belleville, David C. Brown Funeral Home & Family Center, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, Eagle Crest Golf Course, Edible Arrangements Belleville, Fantastic Sam's Belleville, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, Gail LaFave, Gardner's Choice & Randy Brown Landscape, Garden Fantasy, Green Oaks Golf Course, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Belleville, Hungry Howie's Pizza Belleville, Jennifer Price family, Jim and Joan Posegay, JT's Pub and Grub, Kay Adkins, Kim and Cheryl Toms, Lodge Lanes, Lynn Mills, Mary Ann Watson, NAPA Auto Parts Belleville, O&W Inc., Pine View Golf Course, Qdoba Mexican Eats Belleville, Richard and Sharon Pokerwinski, Starbuck's, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Seniors, T-Rex Arms Shooting Range, Tim Hortons Belleville, Wayne County Fair, Zino's Belleville, Zywicki Greenhouses, Inc.

Cheryl Toms
Sumpter Township Country Fest

Fly your American Flag on June 14, Flag Day

To the editor:

Belleville residents and all my South Biggs neighbors: A reminder!

On June 14, Americans celebrate the adoption of the first national flag. Also known as the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory," the first American flag was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. In 1818, after five more states joined the Union, Congress passed legislation fixing the number of stripes at 13 and requiring that the number of stars equal the number of states.

June 14, 2018 is fast approaching and I am attempting to have a flag displayed at every home on South Biggs Street.

Here's YOUR chance to demonstrate pride in our country and remember our fallen veterans. Once again, I am encouraging all my South Biggs neighbors and the city to have a flag at EVERY home. If the results this year are anything like the last five years, you will be impressed by the display my South Biggs Street neighbors put on. This should be a city-wide effort and I am looking forward to having several more streets with 100% participation. I dare you to drive up South Biggs Street and NOT be impressed with the sight of U.S. Flags at every home.

FREE FLAGS: Thanks to very generous donations from Manns Lumber, I have very many free, refurbished flags (11"x16") available. All these flags are from Hillside Cemetery where they were flown over a veteran's grave. Let's remember these veterans once again by re-displaying the U.S. Flag at your home. Stop by and pick up one at 48 S. Biggs. Also, I can have your old flags properly disposed; drop them off when you pick up a new one.

Don't let Flag Day go by without acknowledging our GREAT COUNTRY.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville

P.S. Thank you to a few who picked up FREE flags over Memorial Day and left a monetary donation. It was not necessary, but it is very much appreciated. These donations will be turned over to my VFW Post #4434. A total of approximately 60 flags were picked up over the week of Memorial Day.

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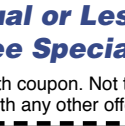

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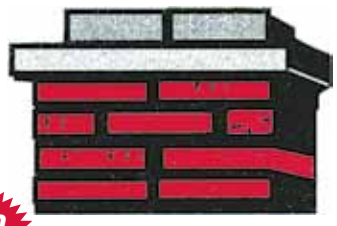
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Belleville High School Class of 2018 Top Ten students are, from left, Davis Mears, Vincent Doan, Hannah Baynesan, Noah Copeland, Salutatorian Alyssa Jeng, Valedictorian Nina Hardy, Alexandria Long, Paige Spitznagel, Michael Porcaro, and Kennedy Gardner. The class commencement exercises were last Thursday, May 31

Belleville High School Top Ten Students for the Class of 2018

The Belleville High School Top Ten Students for the class of 2018:

1. Valedictorian Nina Hardy
2. Salutatorian Alyssa Jeng
3. Alexandria Long
4. Hannah Baynesan
5. Michael Porcaro
6. Tie: Paige Spitznagel and Vincent Doan
7. None - because of the tie for 6th
8. Davis Mears
9. Noah Copeland
10. Kennedy Gardner

Belleville High School 2018 graduate Janessa Franklin signed with Adrian College to play basketball.

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June 9 -- Jeff Atwood
June 14 -- Michael Hinton

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Frazier said he measured High Street and there would be enough room for the more than 200 cars expected.

Bayou owner Brian Copsey supported the High Street location.

Jeff Vernon, chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, said if High Street is closed people wouldn't have access to the park or to launch their kayaks or go fishing.

"I opened this and it's my baby," Copsey said of the car shows. "Johnny's is the place to go."

Fire Chief Brian Loranger wrote a memo with his concerns that fire trucks would be unable to get to the backs of the buildings on High in case of a fire if High Street was closed. He referred to Johnny's and the Masonic Temple. He said they wouldn't be able to move parked cars fast enough for him to get close enough to save the buildings.

The second proposal was by Jennifer Winter of Egan's Pub to keep the car show the same way it has been in the past on Main. She said the club that originally helped with the show, until the last two years, will be helping again. She said she has lots of help because she needs to be working inside the restaurant. Winter said porta potties could be used if necessary.

She said a private club took it out of town two years ago and she thinks it should be kept in the city.

"My phone has rung off the hook all day," Winter said of support for her efforts to keep the car show running.

"I have concerns about Main Street because of the construction," said Police Chief Hal Berriman. He said if there's a few days of rain and the construction gets behind the cement mixers would have to get to the Fourth Street construction.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he was there when the library and museum people talked to O'Neal Construction and they said they won't schedule work for Friday of Strawberry Festival. The construction team has been given a document of downtown events and they won't schedule work when events are scheduled. He said they promised to end construction for the lakeside concerts on Thursdays in the summer.

"It's a great theory, but I know what it's like from when I was in Detroit," Chief Berriman said. "If they're backed up and hauling cement they can't lose their loads ... My basic concern was Main Street ... I was thinking of the construction." He conceded they can make it work with either decision.

Later Councilman Fielder said he didn't know why they would have to accommodate someone who was told Main Street would be closed.

Fielder said he was a skeptic at first when Copsey brought the car show idea to the council, "But I have to congratulate you on a successful project."

"Out of respect for your library, I stepped out of it so the library could go forward," Copsey said. "That library is more important than a car show this summer.

"What's more important to you, a library or a car show? Do we want to play that game? It ran fine. I made it so good, you won't let it go," he said.

He said for the first four years a car club ran the show and for the last two years it was the Reserve Officers.

"Johnny's Grill has been here longer than I have and they deserve your support," Copsey said.

After more discussion, the council envisioned a joint plan between the two proposals and Winter, Nucullaj, and Frazier agreed to cooperate and plan car shows that are best for the city.

Winter was put in charge and the three will bring their cooperative plan back to City Manager Diana Kollmeyer for approval. The car shows could resume as early as next Monday.

Nucullaj said they thought because of the beautiful view of the lake and the bathrooms available at Johnny's that High Street was a good idea.

"But, whatever you decide is best for our town," he said. "Again, it is OUR town. Tell them we don't get along? Don't come?"

"It has been a great event and it will be successful in the future," said Mayor Kerreen Conley, who noted she is a mother of two sons who love cars and she brings them to the car show regularly.

Winter said the same people who helped the first four years will be putting on the show. After those supporting the car show proposals left the city council meeting, Sharon Pokerwinski said her husband's car club parks the cars.

In other business at Monday's two-hour-15-minute meeting, the council:

• Held a public hearing on the new $2,092,567.75 budget and then approved it as presented. Mike Renaud, who retired after working with corporate budgets at Ford, criticized the council for not including Doane's Landing seawall repair in the figures because they know it is coming. Mayor Conley said the cost figures are yet to be finalized and it is coming out of the fund balance. They can amend the budget later, she said. To balance the budget, $5,703.76 had to be taken from the fund balance, which is now $1,230,273.77;

• Approved accounts payable of $1,325,917.62;

• Discussed the levy of a public safety assessment which can be done with a council vote after a public hearing. Brian, a representative of Plante Moran, said this is the second year the council is dipping into the fund balance and when that it done two years in a row it gets to be a trend. "You don't have an expense problem. You have a revenue problem," he said. The public safety assessment wouldn't get captured by the Downtown Development Authority. The council is considering the assessment for the December tax rolls;

• Heard Renaud say that Belleville will be like Van Buren Township which raised its public safety millage and the people

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Court Watching:

Judge Green orders independent expert to examine Candice Diaz

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Candice Renea Diaz of Sumpter Township, who is charged with torturing and killing her four-year-old daughter on New Year's Day, will be examined yet again by an independent expert to see if she is competent to stand trial and has criminal responsibility.

Diaz has been in the Wayne County Jail since she and her boyfriend, Brad Edward Fields, 28, were apprehended in Georgia as they tried to flee from the law after the medical examiner ruled her daughter's death a homicide.

On May 30, Diaz, 25, was set for her probable cause conference before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green. Judge Green said three reports came back and the legal action can proceed.

But, her court-appointed attorney asked Judge Green to order an independent examiner to make a determination whether Diaz is capable of standing trial.

The attorney said under the law if pschological tests made by the state are not in favor of the defendant, the defense attorney can ask for an independent expert.

The attorney said he requested Dr. Firoza Van Horn as the expert and Diaz can be interviewed in the Wayne County Jail.

The Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor on the case said she was not asking the judge to deny the defense attorney's request, but to set a date when the case can continue. She said they have been waiting for the reports to come back and now they are here. She said the co-defendant has already been bound over to circuit court.

Judge Green said she would sign an order for an independent examination, but not set a date because you can't know when an expert can work it into their schedule.

Judge Green said the criminal responsibility report arrived May 14, the competency report on May 3 and "today is May 30."

"We're not dragging our heels," she said as she agreed to sign for an independent expert.

Diaz, who is in jail with bond denied, is charged with felony murder, second-degree murder, first degree child abuse, and torture in the death of her four-year-old daughter. She faces life in prison.

Fields is facing the same charges and was found competent to stand trial on May 11. He has a final conference set July 6 before Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans and a jury trial set Aug. 6 before Judge Evans. Fields also is in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

Keegan Maguire Delaney

Keegan Maguire Delaney, 18, was due for his probable cause conference on two counts of armed robbery in Van Buren Township on April 9. His preliminary exam was set for June 20. He is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond. His retained attorney is Steve Schwartz.

Delaney was the only adult in the threesome that is accused of stealing a cell phone at gun point from children who were playing in the park at a mobile home park.

James Anderson Coleman

James Anderson Coleman, 72, was due for his probable cause conference before Judge Green and his preliminary exam will be held June 6 in front of Judge David Parrott. He is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence in Sumpter Township on May 16. He is free on $1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Michael Lepine

Michael Lepine, 31, had his probable cause conference adjourned until July 11. He is facing two charges of carrying a concealed weapon, one charge of operating while intoxicated-2nd, and one charge of failure to report accident to fixtures in VBT on Sept. 24. He is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Victor Jefferson

Victor Jefferson, 59, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of larceny of more than $1,000 but less than $20,000 (attempt to conspire) in VBT on March 11. He is free after posting $20,000/10% bond. Richard Glanda is his court-appointed attorney. He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on June 13 for an arraignment on the information.

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expected better public safety, but other money was transferred out of the public safety budget into the general fund. "It's a shell game," said Fire Chief Loranger. "It's a shell game," Renaud agreed. Mayor Conley replied, "I don't think of it that way"; and

• Heard Building Official Rick Rutherford give an update on the Doane's Landing seawall repair. He said the contractor and the city engineer are coordinating and he is talking to them in regard to warrantees, as requested by the council. The council also wants a firm figure for the work so the city attorney can draw up a contract. "We're working on the details that were left out of the original bid," Rutherford said. Kollmeyer said they don't see any of the work commencing until late July and it will take two months to complete.

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Paul, Mary Marcum of Belleville to celebrate 50 years of marriage

On June 8, 2018, Paul and Mary Marcum of Belleville will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Paul and Mary met in the Detroit area shortly after Paul traveled from Alabama to get a job in the automotive industry. They were married on June 8, 1968.

In March of 1969 their first son was born, Paul "Bo" Marcum. Soon after, Paul began working at Ford Motor Co. while Mary kept busy at home. In 1972 they had their second son, James "Eddie" Marcum.

In 1978 they began to attend Grace Assembly of God in Detroit and just a few years later Paul received his Credentials with the Assemblies of God. In 1980 their third son was born, Stephen Marcum.

In 1982 they became Senior Pastors of Downriver Assembly of God in Ecorse and entered into full-time ministry shortly after. For the next 12 years they ministered to the community, served as a religious advisor to the Mayor, and relocated the church to a larger facility because the church had outgrown its existing location.

In the early '90s they resigned their position to begin an evangelistic ministry. They traveled and ministered in many churches in Michigan, West Virginia and traveled to Honduras on Missionary Crusades.

Mary and Paul Maarcum

In 2002, they founded River of Life Assembly of God at 870 Savage Road in Belleville. There was quite a bit of work to be done there, but along with their family and God's help, they accomplished much. And it has been a thriving ministry since.

In 2013, they retired from full-time ministry and now reside in Belleville. They have three sons, nine grandchildren, and one great grandson.

Registration under way for library's Summer Reading Program

Registration for the Belleville Area District Library's Summer Reading Program began June 1.

Preschool Read-to-Me programs are at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays:

- June 20 -- The Music Lady
- June 27 -- Joe Reilly Interactive Music Show
- July 4 -- Independence Day - Library closed
- July 11 -- Drummunity
- July 18 -- Gratitude Steel Band
- July 25 -- Kevin Devine

Elementary-Age Reader Programs are at 11 a.m. Tuesdays:

- June 19 -- Comedy Magic with Gordon Russ
- June 26 -- Joel Tacey's Comedy Show
- July 3 -- Music Man Dave
- July 10 -- Baffling Bill & Gus the Bunny
- July 17 -- Gemini
- July 24 -- Gratitude Steel Band

Teens Programs are at 7 p.m. on Mondays:

- June 18 -- Great Lakes Taiko Drumming
- June 25 -- Extreme Duct Tape Workshop
- July 2 -- Baffling Bill Magic and Levitation
- July 9 -- Sara and her Digeridoos
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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, June 7 – Informational meeting at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Township Board Room to discuss details of the upcoming McBride Road paving.

• Monday, June 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, at 7 p.m. an informational meeting will be held for members of the Denton Neighborhood at the Van Buren Township Board Room to discuss the proposed rezoning of the Harold Smith Farm.

• Tuesday, June 12 -- Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, June 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, June 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission joint meeting with Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA), 7 p.m.

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Matyson Vlademar earns 4-year Air Force ROTC Scholarship

Matyson Vlademar, daughter of Michael and Andrea Vlademar of Van Buren Township, is the recipient of a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship, which she will use to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Matyson is a graduate of Bethany Bible School, Keystone Academy, and attended four years at Ladywood High School in Livonia, recently graduating with highest honors. She lettered in soccer, track, and cross country and was a finalist for a scholar athlete award, yet to be announced.

Since Ladywood is closing its doors, Matyson was part of the school's last graduating class.

More than 8,600 students across the U.S. applied for the USAF ROTC scholarship, with only 20% receiving a scholarship offer after completing the application process and interview.

Matyson's scholarship includes full college tuition, book allowance, and a monthly stipend. At the University of Nebraska she will begin her studies to become a physician.

She will receive an officer's commission in the USAF after completion of the ROTC program.

At Ladywood High School Matyson Vlademar was presented with her Air Force ROTC scholarship by a representative of the U.S. Air Force.

State Rep. Joe Bellino was honored recently as the Retried Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association's Legislator of the Year for 2017. The award is in recognition of Rep. Bellino's work sponsoring a new law providing income tax relief to younger police and fire department retirees not covered by Social Security, including many who made sacrifices with the Detroit bankruptcy. Bellino's measure was signed into law late last year. Rep. Bellino is flanked by Don Taylor, left, and Al Grant of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association.

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Liberty Gospel Church celebrates 20 years in Belleville

On April 7, Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty Street, Belleville, held its 20-Year Anniversary Meeting.

Pastor Bernie Travis told the story of the church:

The Belleville Assembly began with Bro. William Waters holding a house meeting at the home of Dan and Kimberly Hibbitts in Ypsilanti on Nov. 16, 1995. Sis. Martha Dunford had been praying for a church of the Body of Christ to come to Belleville. They also met in the home of Joe and Judy Laura of Rockwood.

The first meeting in Belleville was at the home of Don and Mary Johnson who removed a wall to give the worshippers more room. They also met in the home of the Johnsons' daughter, Lisa. Later they rented the Victory Station for $20 an hour, but conditions there were disappointing.

On March 28, 1998, Bro. Waters, with the assistance of Troyce Travis, secured a lease on the store front at 41001 E. Huron River Drive and the church was established as Gospel Assembly. The dedication service was held the following month.

Approximately two weeks later, Bro. Waters spoke to Bernie Travis about assisting him in opening other branch churches and he appointed Travis to be in charge of Belleville in his absence. The next service Travis stood up in Belleville to open the service and God spoke to him in no uncertain terms: "I am giving you to Belleville." Travis immediately knew where God wanted him to spend his efforts and shortly after Bro. Waters named Travis as pastor.

They worshipped at the Huron River Drive site until March of 2003. Then they purchased the current property for $275,000 and closed the purchase on May 15, 2003. They operated as a branch of the Warren church by the name of Great Lakes Gospel Assembly until June 18, 2012. Bro. Tom Lord had suggested they should be autonomous so that they would be in better order. It was then that they became Liberty Gospel Church.

Pastor Travis said they have been able to make various improvements plus making extra payments on their 30-year mortgage, which will be paid off in only four to five more years, according to their bookkeeper.

"God is soooooo good!" Pastor Travis said.

Samantha Anteau named to Dean's List

Samantha Anteau of Belleville has been named to the Alma College Dean's List for the 2018 Winter Term. Anteau is studying English and is a graduate of Belleville High School. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

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EPA Invites Your Comments on the

Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant (MDWTP) a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste storage and treatment facility, operating under a permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI. MDWTP would be allowed to formally operate as a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) storage facility under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) if a proposed approval is issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In addition, the PCB storage approval would allow MDWTP to treat RCRA hazardous wastes that also contain PCBs to meet disposal standards required for the RCRA hazardous constituents. The approval outlines specific conditions under which MDWTP must operate the facility

After reviewing MDWTP's application, EPA proposes to issue an approval. Agency experts believe the company has shown the operation does not present a risk to people or the environment. Before making a final decision on MDWTP's PCB storage approval EPA will review and respond to all comments from the public on the proposed approval.

Copies of the draft PCB commercial storage approval and supporting documents can be located at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. Belleville, MI. 48111 and or by visiting the EPA webpage https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/forms/public-notice-michigan-disposal-waste-treatment-plant-us-ecology.

For questions you may also contact TSCA Project Manager: Lisa Graczyk, at graczyk.lisa@epa.gov or 312-353-3219, hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

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2002	Dodge Stratus	1B3EL36X22N171343
2001	Chrysler PT Cruiser	3C8FY4BB41T290805
2003	Honda Accord	1HGCM56623A014797
2013	Volkswagen Passat	1VWBP7A34DC091961
2008	Dodge Caliber	183HB28B38D508225
2003	Mercury Sable	1MEHM55S93G611783
2015	GMC Terrain	2GKFLXEK5F6218931
2010	Mercedes Benz CLS	WDDDJ7CB1AA165237
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2007	Toyota Camry	4T1BK46KX7U029622
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1999	Toyota Camry	4T1BG22K4XU446049
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2002	Nissan Maxima	JN1DA31D32T445547
1999	Toyota Camry Solara	2T1CF22P4XC127531
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Meeting set June 7 for McBride paving project

To Community Residents:
RE: McBride Road Paving Project
Community Meeting - June 7

Van Buren Township has received a grant from Wayne County to pave McBride Road between Quirk and Beck Roads. The grant provides 80% of the cost of the project with the residents and the school district matching the other 20% through a special assessment district.

The current project will convert this section of McBride Road from a gravel road to a paved road. Please note as part of this project it will be necessary to replace driveway approaches and perform other related work in the area.

The Township will hold a public information meeting to present the project to neighborhood residents. This meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, in the Township Board Room at the Van Buren Township Hall. Township Hall is located at 46425 Tyler Road. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the residents of the construction process, to provide a general construction schedule and to introduce you to the Township representatives who will be in the field during the project. You are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. Representatives from the contractor and the Township engineers will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have regarding the project.

If you have any questions or special accessibility needs for the meeting, please contact Ron Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Van Buren Township, at (734) 699-8913.

Ron Akers, AICP
Director of Planning and Economic Development, Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: A meeting also is set at 7 p.m., Monday, June 11, at the VBT Board Room to discuss with members of the Denton Village neighborhood the proposed rezoning of the adjoining Harold Smith Farm from single family residential to light industrial.

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• **Thursday, June 14** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., DTE Western Wayne Service Center, 8001 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

• **Thursday, June 14** – Health & Wellness Expo from 1 to 4 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Door prizes, dancing, food and fun. Free admission for reservations prior to June 8, otherwise $3 at the door. Call (734) 699-8918.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J**.** Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, and Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Swinson. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak, Fire Chief Januszyk and Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and approximately 16 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Swinson, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: Public comment began at 6:32 p.m. One (1) comment was received. Ended 6:34 p.m.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Barnes to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2018. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to accept the Parks & Recreation Minutes of February 21, 2018. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Minutes of March 21, 2018. Motion carried

6. Warrants:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Warrants totaling $135,552.43. Roll call vote: Yes: Barnes, LaPorte, Oddy, Swinson, P. Morgan, Hurst and J**.** Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Warrants through May 8, 2018. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson:

A. Sumpter Country Festival activities are coming along.

B. Parks & Recreation building updates with the grant money.

C. No Chamber report

Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion carried.

8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy:

A. No report.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to receive and file the Planning/Zoning report. Motion carried.

9. Senior Report-Hurst:

A. During the power outage the Community Center was used as a warming station.

B. Dessert will be provided to the Township volunteers on April 26th in the senior kitchen.

C. 500 meals delivered to the homebound and 400 meals ate onsite.

D. 91 clients participated in the arthritis foundation exercise class.

Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to approve the senior report. Motion carried.

10. Attorney Report-Young:

A. Update on District Library meeting.

B. Recommend Hennessy Engineering to provide a proposal on future District Library building, but continue work to keep things moving forward.

Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Attorney report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response:

A. Treasurer Morgan asked about the Financial Directors reviewing items placed on the agenda.

B. Trustee Barnes talked about caregivers overages.

C. Trustee LaPorte reported on the finds at the corner of Sumpter and Willis Rd.

D. Trustee LaPorte stated both brush trucks have gone to auction and sold; raising $11,450.00 for the fire department to invest in training props.

E. Trustee LaPorte reminded the residents of Sumpter Township no open burning.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the proposal from Elan Engineering contingent on the final contract for Channel 12 upgraded equipment, including board room upgraded at a cost of $31,874.00 for a total cost of $61,874.00. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the four year equipment maintenance agreement with Cummins to service the Fire Station generator, at a cost of $1,472.86. Motion carried.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve a one-year subscription to Fire Rescue 1 academy online training, at a cost of $2,054.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the purchase of two Ford Interceptor Utilities Explorers from Atchinson Ford, at a total cost of $64,844.16. Trustee Swinson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the purchase of a backup storage server for the police department from CDW-G using funds from forfeiture account, at a cost $4,461.12. Motion carried.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the resignation of firefighter Ronald Barnette with regrets from the Sumpter fire department. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to declare May as Honor and Remember month. Motion carried.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the acceptance of LOU regarding long term disability and retiree life insurance benefits with AFSCME Local 1882. Motion carried.**13. Announcements:**

A. Clerk Hurst reminded the residents May 8th regular scheduled board meeting has been cancelled due to the election for Airport School bond proposal the same day.

B. The Clerk's office will be open Saturday, May 5th to issue ballots and Monday, May 7th is the last day for absentee voters to vote in person.

C. Trustee Barnes let the residents know the Progressive League is having a casino night on May 9th from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm.

D. Karen Micken will be collecting new pajama's to give out to the residents at Cedar Creek. Donations can be dropped off at the Community Center.

14. Open Floor: Two (2) people spoke

15. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by
Dawn Hadyniak
Deputy Clerk, Sumpter Township

Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on April 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Publish: June 7, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville
Special Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL:

Council Member Fielder	**Present**
Council Member Smith	**Present**
Council Member Marcotte	**Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	**Present**
Mayor Conley	**Present**

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

A new draft of the FY 2018/19 budget was discussed in detail with the City Council. Kelly Howey, Plante Moran Financial Specialist, and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer addressed specific questions from the Council. Additional revenue streams, via an additional millage or a special assessment, were discussed as options to continue funding public safety operations in the City.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Approved: June 4, 2018
Published: June 7, 2018

To build a better world, start in your own community!

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations None

Council follow up list

During a brief discussion led by Mayor Conley, it was determined that two items on the follow-up list should be added to the agenda to enable Council to act. City Manager Kollmeyer discussed the terms and status of current city contracts and agreements and gave her recommendations. She mentioned that the City does not have a contract for engineering services, for the City Attorney, or for the DDA Administrative Coordinator.

Citizen Comments None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve the agenda with two additions: (1) Doane's Landing contractor bids as Item G. and (2) Sidewalk project as Item H.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes, both of May 7th, 2018, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CBC – Taste of Belleville and Bridgewalk

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 18-048** authorizing the annual Taste of Belleville and Bridgewalk for August 16, 2018 from 5 to 9 pm on High Street near Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. **CBC – Harvest Market**

Janet Millard was present for the Central Business Community and explained that the Harvest Market would be held in conjunction with the Harvest Festival.

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 18-049** authorizing that a harvest market be held on October 13, 2018 from 9 am to 4 pm in the Fourth Street Square.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **CBC – Monster Mutt Walk**

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 18-050** for the annual costumed Monster Mutt Walk on October 20, 2018 from 11 am to 3 pm, starting at Fourth Street Square.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. **CBC – Downtown Trick or Treat**

Motion by Smith, second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 18-051** to hold the annual downtown "Trick or Treat" on October 31, 2018 from 5 to 7:30 pm, beginning at Fourth Street Square.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Call Public Hearing for the FY 2018-19 Budget

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 18-052** calling for a public hearing on the FY 2018-19 budget on June 4, 2018 during Council's regular business meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. FY 2018-19 Budget Discussion

City Manager Kollmeyer stated that capital improvements and the Doane's Landing seawall repair project costs were not included in the budget. She stated that the City has requested and is hoping to receive an appropriation in the state budget for the Doane's landing seawall repair. In the meantime, she recommends using fund balance, with possible funding from the DDA, and then the City can reimburse itself later with funds raised elsewhere.

G. Doane's Landing Seawall Repair Bid

After DPS Director Rick Rutherford discussed his recommendation for construction contractor, and answered questions from Council and audience members, Mayor Conley asked for a motion and vote.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 18-053** authorizing: (1) City Administrator to proceed with awarding the contract to E.C. Korneffel Company; (2) requesting a cost share from the DDA; (3) coordinating project with adjacent property owners (i.e. N. Liberty St. Condo Assn.); and (4) City Administration brings final, itemized project cost proposal for the Doane's Landing seawall repair project before Council for approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Sidewalk Evaluation/Repair Project

Motion by Smith, second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 18-054** authorizing City Administration to refer the sidewalk repair project to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 18-055** for accounts payable and purchases over $500.00 for a total of $99,517.68.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

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Church of God offers program on suicide prevention: Option: Life

Jennifer Henry is putting on her first community meeting and she wants to make it meaningful. Henry wants to encourage parents to be more involved in their kids' lives and for kids to talk to their parents about their concerns.

"God put on my heart to put this on," Henry said. "I want to encourage kids and parents to choose life over other choices."

The Option: Life gathering will be from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, next to the Van Buren Township Fire Hall.

This free community event will support those struggling with anxiety, depression, and/or suicidal thoughts along with their loved ones. This event will include a prayer team for prayer and worship, awareness-building resources, a bounce house, free food, and small Bibles for children.

There will be a pastor, Mikie Bartee, who will tell how he was suicidal while serving as a pastor and how he overcame depression and anxiety. Parents, representing the Crying Eyes group, will tell how they found their child after a suicide and what they are doing to help other parents so they don't have the same experience.

Valerie Kelly-Bonner, a licensed suicide prevention coach from SOOAR on Sumpter Road, will be a part of the event. Henry said she hoped to have a licensed counselor on hand, as well.

For more information, call Henry at (734) 787-7677 or Belleville Church of God Pastor Ron Schubert (734) 697-0927.

Students on President's List, Dean's List at Davenport University

Wade Gilchrist and Jared Hurley of Belleville have been named to the Davenport University President's List for the Winter 2018 Semester.

The President's List recognizes top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Also, Amy Rouster of Belleville has been named to the Dean's List at Davenport. To earn this recognition a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credit hours of regular coursework.

Public Notice

American Towers LLC is proposing to increase the ground space for an existing telecommunications tower compound with a 39ft x 30ft x 16ft and a 10ft x 23ft lease area expansions along with a 30ft buffer surrounding the current and proposed lease areas, at 9750 Belleville Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111-1364 (Wayne County Parcel Number: 83061990005708). American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may comment or raise concerns about the proposed action by submitting an e-mail to enviro.services@americantower.com. Paper comments can be sent to: American Towers LLC, Attn: Environmental Compliance, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns, and must be received on or before July 7, 2018. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

New Belleville Area District Library: 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

This project is a new 31,401 SF ground up, 2-story library in downtown Belleville. Construction begins June 2018.

Bid categories at this time include: Structural Steel, Masonry (CMU only), Concrete Foundations and Elevators

Bid Packs, Plans and Specifications are available electronically through Construction Manager O'Neal Construction, Inc., 525 W. William, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Questions call (734) 769-0770 or email: tgasser@onealconstruction.com

Refer to instructions to bidders regarding, all bids are due on Thursday, 06/14/2018 @ 3:00PM and required to be in a sealed envelope deliver to: Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

An optional bid walk-through on Thursday, 05/31/2018 @ 10:00AM will be held at the existing Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
CANCELLATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission has **canceled** the Public Hearing scheduled for June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the request for a Special Land Use Permit.

The meeting for the Special Land Use Permit has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., located at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Further information on the Public Hearing notice will be published in the June 14th edition of the *Independent*.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2243.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Posted: June 1, 2018
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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
555 W. Columbia Ave.
Belleville, MI 48111

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS will hold a public meeting on its proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year at the Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Administration Building, during regular business hours on or after 12:00 p.m. on June 18, 2018. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

Kevin English, Secretary
Van Buren Public Schools

Publish: June 7, 2018

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 451 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, May 27:

0013 -- noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0118 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Marina/Ruthann
0123 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Washington / Lincoln
0226 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Old Denton
0255 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0355 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0410 -- noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0810 -- animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd
0956 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.
1057 -- 911 welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.
1115 -- lake complaint, Rawsonville DNR
1427 -- neighbor trouble, Holly Ln.
1708 -- disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1718 -- mental subject, Filmore St.
1725 -- animal complaint, Montague Ave.
1749 -- lake emergency, Belleville Lake
1817 -- domestic, Borgman Ave.
1901 -- suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave. / Buchanan St.
2145 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2232 -- noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2248 -- parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, May 28:

0139 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
0405 -- noise complaint, Meadows Circle
0948 -- malicious destruction of property, Amanda
1008 -- domestic, Parkside Dr.
1038 -- malicious destruction of property, Bayshore Dr.
1158 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1257 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1313 -- larceny, Oak Ln.
1353 -- ordinance violation, N. Timberview Dr.
1441 -- abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
1519 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1526 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1656 -- neighbor trouble, Independence Ln.
1739 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1845 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa
1846 -- disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
1918 -- assist other dept., EB I-94/Belleville
1920 -- animal complaint, Belleville
1941 -- 911 welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.
2026 -- animal complaint, Pond Ridge Dr.
2117 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2136 -- private property impound, Belleville
2135 -- private property/property damage accident, Huron River Dr.
2240 -- noise complaint, Vine St.
2307 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Tuesday, May 29:

0009 -- assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
0018 -- property damage accident, W I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0044 -- narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
0146 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0433 -- fraud, Parkwood Dr.
0830 -- animal complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0841 -- suicidal person, Lohr Rd.
0846 -- malicious destruction of property, Assembly St.
1045 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1048 -- abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Sunset Ln.
1055 -- assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1327 -- neighbor trouble, Ellen Ave.
1421 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1516 -- larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1524 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 N. Service Dr.
1538 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville
1801 -- threat, Jackson Ct.
1812 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Bemis
1817 -- assist citizen, Savage/Sheldon
1940 -- animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
2044 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Peninsular Dr.
2052 -- found property/child, Belleville
2108 -- 911 welfare check, Village Green Ln.
2303 -- miscellaneous complaint, Maple Dr.
2321 -- domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.

Wednesday, May 30:

0706 -- domestic, Edwards Rd.
0812 -- ordinance violation, Fillmore
0908 -- animal complaint, E. Adams
1019 -- assault & battery, Birch Dr.
1044 -- animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1053 -- fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1117 -- mental subject, Belleville Rd.
1201 -- miscellaneous complaint, Tyler Rd.
1217 -- juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.
1307 -- threat, Cobblestone Cir.
1415 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1433 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1600 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1624 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1714 -- property damage accident, Ecorse
1906 -- harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1907 -- fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1925 -- animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2008 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
2150 -- fireworks, Hanover Dr.
2206 -- road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
2340 -- mental subject, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, May 31:

0008 -- noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0145 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St. / Hayes St.
0623 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood
0816 -- juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
0959 -- animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1025 -- harassment call, Parkwood
1141 -- animal complaint, Tyler Rd./Parkwood Dr.
1238 -- assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1348 -- property damage accident, Walden Ct.
1428 -- animal complaint, W. Sadie Ln.
1607 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1626 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Celestine Dr. / W. Walden Dr.
1637 -- missing person, Wayne County Fair
1719 -- harassment call, Sheldon Rd.
1804 -- domestic, Outer Dr.
1808 -- harassment call, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
1959 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2008 -- retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2019 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
2245 -- felony assault, Holly Ln.
2248 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton

Friday, June 1:

0043 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl. / Christina Ln.
0100 -- malicious destruction of property, Winding Pond Dr.
0105 -- harassment call, Harmony Ln.
0949 -- family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1122 -- animal complaint, Parkside Dr.
1314 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1352 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1357 -- breaking & entering, N Ponderosa Trl.
1429 -- property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1503 -- neighbor trouble, Fret Rd.
1600 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1650 -- suspicious person/vehicle, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1709 -- assist citizen, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1734 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1752 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1849 -- property damage accident, W I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1943 -- suicidal person, Meadows Cir.
2104 -- animal complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
2109 -- noise complaint, Meadows Ln.
2214 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2354 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, June 2:

0921 -- fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1029 -- fraud, Hull Rd.
1038 -- unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1102 -- family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1343 -- threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1536 -- 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.
1549 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1624 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1711 -- assist other dept., Victoria St.
2016 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2106 -- property damage accident, Haggerty / Savage
2118 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2158 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2213 -- assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Also on this week's log are 166 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 27:

0156 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.
0914 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park
1021 -- intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1029 -- vehicle lockout, Anaheim
1155 -- narcotics crime, McBride
1254 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, May 28:

0136 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada Dr. / Belle Villa Blvd.
0245 -- domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
0647 -- found property/child, Main/Second
0948 -- property damage accident, Madelon St. / E. Columbia Ave.
1041 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1653 -- miscellaneous complaint, Bemis
1743 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2218 -- larceny, Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, May 29:

0200 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
0758 -- juvenile complaint, W. Davis St.
0938 -- assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1004 -- civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1207 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1305 -- neighbor trouble, Owen St.
1501 -- 911 welfare check, Third St.
1538 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
1621 -- animal complaint, Estrada
1628 -- breaking & entering, Wexford Ave.
1827 -- assist other dept., Savage Rd./Sheldon
2341 -- suspicious person/vehicle, High St.

Wednesday, May 30:

0644 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0848 -- property damage accident, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1223 -- larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1500 -- assist fire dept., Church St.
1545 -- assist other dept., Main St./Second St.
1614 -- property damage accident, Main St.
1850 -- private property/property damage accident, Owen St.
1920 -- trespassing, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2106 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2229 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Thursday, May 31:

0113 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
0723 -- assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1754 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1946 -- animal complaint, N. Liberty St.

Friday, June 1:

0121 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Aberdeen
0728 -- welfare check, Church St.
0952 -- disorderly, McBride Ave.
1006 -- assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1023 -- suspicious person/vehicle, South/E. Davis
1442 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
1622 -- assist fire dept., Loza Ln./E. Huron River
2025 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
2047 -- follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, June 2:

0008 -- fight, Main St.
2023 -- intrusion alarm, Henry
2215 -- welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 57 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 27:

0006 -- civil dispute, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0053 -- disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0741 -- family trouble, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1012 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos
1205 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1356 -- alarm, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1525 -- assist other agency, out of township
1554 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1633 -- reckless driver, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1739 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1743 -- suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1905 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, May 28:

0236 -- assist other agency, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0524 -- assist other agency, out of township
0612 -- 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0628 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1055 -- 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1115 -- alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1127 -- found property, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1241 -- assist other agency, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1517 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1804 -- 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1808 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1846 -- 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2048 -- reckless driver, Sherwood/Wear
2101 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2156 -- fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2307 -- civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2311 -- suspicious person, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter

Tuesday, May 29:

0716 -- alarm, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0849 -- well-being check, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0907 -- citizen assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0914 -- civil dispute, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1158 -- suspicious vehicle, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1220 -- neighbor dispute, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1415 -- animal complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1513 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1635 -- assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
1732 -- civil dispute, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1804 -- larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1811 -- assist other agency, Savage/Bemis
1829 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1903 -- found property, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1948 -- family trouble, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2032 -- suspicious person, Walnut

Wednesday, May 30:

0218 -- traffic hazard, Sumpter/Harris
0923 -- suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1028 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1038 -- civil dispute, Edgewood Dr.
1047 -- disorderly person, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1101 -- fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
1253 -- well-being check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1307 -- well-being check, Greenmeadow
1422 -- citizen assist, Brookview
2358 -- suspicious incident, Hampshire

Thursday, May 31:

0147 -- family trouble, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0800 -- subpoena service, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0840 -- civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1028 -- 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1052 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1323 -- recovered stolen vehicle, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1337 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1517 -- fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1531 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1633 -- alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1646 -- civil dispute, Arizona
1737 -- animal complaint, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2039 -- 911 hang up, Mulberry
2053 -- citizen assist, Brookview
2308 -- animal complaint, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz

Friday, June 1:

0031 -- fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0133 -- threats complaint, Texas
0927 -- fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0951 -- found property, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
1241 -- civil dispute, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1258 -- threats complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1331 -- civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1452 -- malicious destruction of property, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
1524 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1700 -- civil dispute, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1722 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1757 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1843 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 2:

0619 -- animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 -- civil dispute, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1703 -- suspicious person, Arbor Ln.
1850 -- warrant arrest pick up, California
1916 -- shots fired, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1925 -- reckless driver, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1939 -- 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
2035 -- warrant arrest pick up, 22000 bl. Sherwood
2125 -- civil dispute, Haggerty/Judd
2235 -- suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2249 -- noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2254 -- fight, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Also on this week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 23 miscellaneous details, 45 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

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The Belleville Community Band will be holding its first of two summer concerts on Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The band's second performance is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. also at the same location. Admission is free.

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A Health & Wellness Expo will be held on Thursday, June 14, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center on Tyler Road. Admission is free if reservations are made before June 8. Walk-ins will be $3 at the door. There will be exhibits, door prizes, dancing, food and more. Call (734) 699-8918 to make a reservation.

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This weekend, June 9-10, marks free fishing weekend here in Michigan in all Great Lakes, inland lakes, rivers, and streams where fishing licenses usually are required, however all fishing rules and regulations still apply. Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter will be holding a Family Fishing Fun Day this Saturday, from 9 a.m. until noon, where fishing techniques will be offered for first-time anglers, along with a fishing contest for participants 16 years and younger, a make-and-take fish print T-shirt craft, and other activities. The event is free and sponsored by Van Buren Parks & Recreation and Wayne County Parks & Recreation.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

League of Women Voters sets forum for Senate primary

Voters will choose between two Democratic candidates, Erika Geiss and Robert L. Kosowski, on the Democratic Primary Ballot on Aug. 8 for the 6th District State Senate.

The 6th District covers Belleville, Westland, Romulus, Taylor, Rockwood and Flat Rock and the townships of Van Buren, Sumpter, Huron, and Brownstown.

There is only one Republican running in the primary.

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is holding a candidates' forum for the Democratic candidates on Monday, June 11, from 8-9 p.m. at the (Presbyterian) Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI, 48185.

The public is invited to attend and submit questions for the candidates.

Advance questions can also be submitted by email to the League, at lwvmail@yahoo.com.

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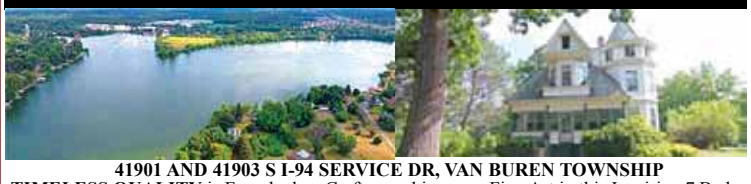

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